

## Happening's In the Office of Attorney General Steve Carter

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Nurse Arrested and Charged in New Albany following Investigation by the Indiana Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

A Louisville, Kentucky woman working in Indiana has been arrested and charged for coercing one of her patients to save her prescribed medications for the nurse's personal use. Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Kathy Stinson has been charged in Floyd Superior Court with one count of Interference with Medical Services and one count of Exploitation of an Endangered Adult. Press Release

"A patient suffered needlessly because of the greed of this nurse who was in a position of power," Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter said. "We appreciate the assistance of local law enforcement in working with the state's investigators to arrest and file charges against this individual."

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter Emphasizes Indiana's Strong Protections against Robo-Calls and other Unwanted Telemarketing Calls during Testimony before a House Congressional Committee

Carter's testimony included the following:

"The annoyance and frustration caused by these unwanted calls pushes your intended audience away, leading people to file grievances and be more inclined to disregard, or even disagree with the message being conveyed. Television and radio advertising, using pre-recorded messages the right way, where a person has a chance to say yes or no, direct mail and using volunteers to make message calls provide telemarketers with other means to reach their audience.

Technological advances that have created these mass-calling programs have made it easier on the telemarketer, but at what cost to a consumer? Greater convenience for the telemarketer comes only at the expense of the loss of privacy to our consumers." <u>Press Release</u>

#### **Consumer News:**

## Lawsuit against Timeshare and Vacation Club Companies for Misrepresentations

Harbor Management & Vacation Resorts likely misled hundreds of people from Northwest Indiana

The Indiana Attorney General's Office is seeking penalties and restitution from three companies that operated a timeshare and travel club sales center out of Crown Point, Indiana before closing last summer. Harbor Management Corporation, Harbor Management of Colorado, LLC, and Vacation Resort Management, Inc. are alleged to have misrepresented terms of consumer contracts, failed to provide products and services, and refused to honor refunds and prize giveaways. Press Release

# Attorney General Steve Carter Enforcement Action Results Refunds to Nearly 100 Customers from Owner of Defunct Columbus Spa

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter announced today that "Serenity" Salon & Day Spa of Columbus will pay more than \$10,000 to nearly 100 consumers for allegedly selling gift cards for services that could not be redeemed. An agreement signed by the Jackson County Circuit Court clears the way for restitution. Press Release

### \$5.5 Million returned to Hoosier Borrowers from Ameriquest

More than 70 percent of Hoosier borrowers eligible for a refund from Ameriquest for questionable lending practices have received their check announced Attorney General Steve Carter. Over 6,700 people received a total of \$5.5 million as part of a settlement reached with Ameriquest and Indiana earlier this year.



### The Attorney General's Office Celebrates Statehood Day with an Interactive Booth to help Kids find Safe Spots on the Internet

The Indiana Attorney General's Office joined other state offices in welcoming students to the Statehouse this month for Statehood Day. Students were given the chance to view and play on 'safe-net-spots' that help them recognize and avoid risky behavior on the Internet.